

## **Biography of Richard Moore, State Treasurer**

A Granville County native, Richard Moore has built a career helping North Carolinians improve their lives. His work is founded on the ideals of government accountability, fiscal integrity and an enduring concern for North Carolina's children and families.

Moore has served as a federal prosecutor, a member of the N. C. House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, where he led North Carolina's extraordinary response and recovery from the state's most devastating and destructive storms ever, Hurricanes Fran and Floyd. Moore is also co-author of *Faces from the Flood: Hurricane Floyd Remembered*.

Now in his second term as State Treasurer, Moore is sole fiduciary for more than \$70 billion in public monies and state investments, oversees the pension funds for nearly 700,000 public sector employees, and manages the debt of state and local governments. *The Wall Street Journal* and credit-rating agency Standard & Poor's recently named North Carolina as having the second-best funded public pension system in the United States, a testament to Moore's responsible management. In 2004, he was honored as a Top Public Official of the Year by *Governing Magazine* for his national leadership and guidance of the state's pension fund. The Treasurer also serves on many boards and commissions, including the State Banking Commission, which he chairs, and the state boards of Education and Community Colleges.

Treasurer Moore became the first statewide elected official to call publicly for an increase in the minimum wage, forming the One Dollar More Coalition. He spoke to groups across the state to advocate for a one dollar legislative increase to help workers support their families and make ends meet. When the General Assembly increased the minimum wage to \$6.15, Moore hailed the victory as the first step in a number of reforms needed to provide opportunity for North Carolina's working families.

Treasurer Moore has championed a national movement to protect shareholder rights against Wall Street corporate abuses. He authored investment and mutual fund protection principles which have been adopted by pension fund managers across the country. As a result of his efforts to promote corporate responsibility, Moore served two terms as the only public sector member of the executive board of the New York Stock Exchange. He was recently appointed to the new NYSE Regulation board, where he promotes the rights of shareholders and consumers.

Moore is committed to increasing financial literacy and helping North Carolinians build wealth. Through partnerships with groups such as AARP, 4-H and the North Carolina Council on Economic Education, Treasurer Moore works with citizens of all ages to help them make smart financial decisions for themselves and their families.

Moore is an honors graduate of Wake Forest University and the School of Law with a graduate degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics. He and his wife Noel and their three children, Will, Charles and Mary Eleanor, make their home on a farm near Kittrell.